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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, \$7,500,000
Reserve Fund, \$4,500,000
Reserve for Equalization, \$500,000
Reserve Liability of Pro., \$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman.—A. M. OLIVER, Esq.
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Acting Chief Manager.—JOHN WALTER, Esq.
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INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China, and Japan.

JOHN WALTER, Esq., Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, May 12, 1886.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3 Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- 2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time, will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$5,000 in any one year.
- 3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- 4.—Interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- 5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked "On Hongkong Savings Bank Business" is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
JOHN WALTER, Esq., Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, June 7, 1886.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £2,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL, £500,000

REGISTERED OFFICE.

40, THE MARK LANE, LONDON.

BRANCHES.

In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THE Bank receives Money on Deposit, buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

On Current Deposit Accounts 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

APPROVED CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, IN LIQUIDATION, OR THE BALANCE OF SUCH CLAIMS PURCHASED ON ADVANTAGEOUS TERMS.

THE NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.

H. A. HERBERT, Esq., Manager.
Hongkong, May 31, 1886.

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.
SATURDAY, 12th June.

COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT TO MISS JULIA STELLA.

(Late of the Marseilles Opera Company.)

CHRISTIE MINSTREL ENTERTAINMENT.

MEANT.

VARIETY CONCERT AND AN ORIGINAL FAROE, entitled 'CAUGHT BY THE CUFF.'

Music by Mr. W. H. WILSON.

Interval of Ten Minutes.

Interval of Five Minutes.

The whole to conclude with an Original Faroe 'CAUGHT BY THE CUFF,' by FRANKIE HAY, Esq.

Mr. Hector Shakerly Park, Esq., Mr. W. Scott, Benjamin Galt (a comedian), Mr. J. H. ANDERSON, Harry Best (a comedian), Mr. W. G. GALT, and Mr. J. H. ANDERSON.

Admission.—Two Dollars and One Dollar.

Box Plan at Messrs. KRAV & WALSH, Limited, where Seats can be reserved.

Hongkong, June 5, 1886.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the PARTNERSHIP heretofore subsisting between the undersigned THOMAS PEREY, KEVIN DOUGLAS ADAM, and JAMES LYON PLAYFAIR SANDERSON as Merchants and General Agents, at Canton, Macao and Fookchow, under the Style or Firm of BIRLEY & CO., EXPIRED on the 28th day of February, 1886, by effluxion of time. All DEBTS due to and from the late Firm will be paid and Paid by the said KEVIN DOUGLAS ADAM and JAMES LYON PLAYFAIR SANDERSON, by whom the BUSINESS will be carried on under the Style or Firm of BIRLEY & CO., at Canton, Macao and Fookchow, and in London.

BIRLEY & CO., Canton, 10th day of May, 1886.

FERNISULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE.

MR. E. L. WOODIN will assume CHARGE of this Company's BUSINESS at this Agency, during my Absence from Hongkong.

A. M. OLIVER, Esq., Superintendent.

Hongkong, June 3, 1886.

Intimations.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co's PIER AND GODOWNS.

STEAMERS and SAILING VESSELS are SHIPPED at the PIER, at the following Rates of Wharfage, viz:—

Coast Steamers and Sailing Vessels under 300 ft. over all... \$50

Other Steamers under 300 ft. over all... \$60

Do. over 300 ft. over all... \$75

Cargo is landed and stored at thirty cents per ton weight or measurement, including free storage for seven days or is delivered into craft ex Ship at the Pier for half that rate.

For the convenience of Coast and other Steamers using the Pier, Cargo will be received into Godown from Shippers, and stored, free of rent, for seven days previously to the departure of the Steamer by which it is to be shipped. Receipts will be granted.

Cargo will be reloaded, or delivered into craft alongside the Pier, or at any of the principal receiving places on the Piers at from three to eight cents per package.

Cost can be supplied to Steamers at the Pier or elsewhere in the Harbour at market rates. Quick despatch guaranteed.

Advances made on Cargo stored and Fire Insurance effected if desired.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, May 17, 1886.

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.

Chromometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VOYAGERS' COMPASSES, REFINED LIQUID AND OTHER COMPASSES, ADMIRALTY & TRIMAR COMPASSES, NAUTICAL LOGS, English, Silver & Electro-Plated Wares, Chronometers & Co's. Electro-Plated Wares, GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY.

In great variety.

DIAMONDS.

DIAMOND JEWELLERY, A Splendid Collection of Diamonds, Pearls, &c. at very moderate prices.

Hongkong, May 31, 1886.

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. SUMMER GOODS.

GENTLEMEN'S SUMMER UNDERCLOTHING in all the Thinnest and Coolest Materials.

New Real BALBRIGGAN Hosiery.

BATHING DRAWERS, DRESSES and COSTUMES.

The usual Assortment of SUMMER SCARFS and TIES.

A New Stock of HATS and SHOES.

The Thinnest possible WHITE SHIRTS made to order.

Very Light and thoroughly WATER-PROOF, Rain-Repellent GARMENTS.

Gentlemen's SILK UMBRELLAS and WALKING STICKS.

Extra Light Zephyr FEET HATS.

Single and Double 'TERRA' HATS and New PUGGAREES.

WATER-PROOF APRONS for Chair or Jockey.

CHOLERA BELTS, SOCK SUSPENDERS.

French and Irish CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS.

What to Drink!

CLAUSEN'S CHAMPAGNE LAGER BEER.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, May 21, 1886.

W. POWELL & Co.

COLOURED and WHITE FRENCH NEEDLEWORK COSTUMES.

Cream and White FIGURED SWISS MUSLINS.

Coloured and White NEEDLEWORKS, all widths.

CANVAS DRESS MATERIALS in great variety.

A Large Assortment of ZEPHYRUS CLOTHS.

Tufted, Shipped ZEPHYRUS PARASOLS, STRAWBERRY and UMBRELLAS.

Ladies' and Children's BOOTS and SHOES.

TENNIS SHOES and BEDROOM SLIPPERS.

MILLINERY and DRESS-MAKING OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

W. POWELL & Co.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, May 4, 1886.

Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.

The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, READING, BILLIARD and Smoking Rooms.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service. Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE, Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1885.

ROBERT LANG & Co.,

Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters,

QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

HAVE RECEIVED EX GLENCOE.

LONG CLOTH SHIRTS.

India Gauze SINGLET.

Balbriggan.

Summer HOSE.

Cholera BELTS.

Gentlemen's UMBRELLAS.

Waterproof COATS.

Hongkong, May 25, 1886.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.,

NEW SHIPMENT OF PIANOS FOR SALE.

FOR HIRE.

FOR PURCHASE on the MONTHLY SYSTEM.

BRINSMEAD'S PIANOS.

JUST RECEIVED.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED, HONGKONG.

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Intimations.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

ON and after MONDAY, the 7th Inst., the PRICE of ICE will be ONE AND A HALF CENTS per Pound.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, June 4, 1886.

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF, GODOWN AND CARGO BOAT COMPANY.

THE Company will receive STEAMERS and SAILING VESSELS alongside their Wharves at Kowloon, and Land, Re-ship, and/or Store GENERAL CARGOES, SILK, OPTIC, COTTON, GRAIN or MERCHANDISE in First-Class Godowns at Cheap Rates. Also Cattle in specially-constructed Sheds.

For the convenience of Commanders and Shippers the Company's Launch Hauling will convey to and from those interested FREE OF CHARGE, starting from the Polder's Wharf STREET ROYAL from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and from the Wharf at Kowloon at the half-hour.

For further Particulars, apply to W. KIRKWOOD HUGHES, Agent, Polder's Street.

Hongkong, February 17, 1886.

Intimations.

HONGKONG HOTEL ROTISSERIE.

IN connection with the HONGKONG HOTEL the above is NOW OPEN from 7 a.m. to midnight.

REFRESHMENTS of every description SUPPLIED, either Hot or Cold. ICE CREAMS will be Ready from Noon every day.

List of Charges will be found in the Rotisserie, next door to Mr. BREWSTER'S Book Store.

By Order, LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary, HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LIMITED.

Hongkong, June 4, 1886.

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that if upon their arrival in this Harbour, NOTE of the Company's FOREMAN should be at hand. Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the Head Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Under- signed is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1885.

Intimations.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 204.

CHINA SEA.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

WOOSUNG INNER BAR SIGNALS.

NOTICE is hereby given that on and after the 1st September, 1886, the appended CODE of SIGNALS for indicating the depth of water on the WOOSUNG INNER BAR, from 8 feet to 25 feet—showing the same in approaching the Signal-station both from Shanghai and from seaward—will be substituted for the Code now employed for that purpose.

A Ball will be hoisted at the mast-head when the tide is rising, and one at the gaff end to show half feet.

In the case of there being greater or less depths of water on the Bar than provided for in the New Code, the number of feet will be signalled by the Universal Code of Signals at the mast-head, and the half feet by a Ball at the gaff end.

By Order of the Inspector-General of Customs, A. M. BISBEE, Coast Inspector.

Imperial Maritime Customs, Coast Inspector's Office, Shanghai, 22nd May, 1886.

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Shipping.

THE CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that, in conformity with the Conditions under which the DEBITURES of the above Company were issued, the following Numbers of DEBITURES to be Paid at Hongkong on the 30th day of June instant, when the INTEREST thereon will cease to be payable, were on this 4th day of June instant DRAWN at the Office of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & COMPANY, the General Agents of the Company, in the presence of the Under- signed Notary.

THE NUMBERS OF DEBITURES DRAWN, ARE:—

8 184 344 480

13 172 345 481

14 175 349 486

16 179 365 487

23 180 366 490

23 185 368 492

29 196 370 496

30 200 371 498

34 208 373 504

35 215 380 507

36 224 389 517

37 225 395 518

40 234 399 523

49 237 400 527

60 248 401 530

66 251 405 533

67 258 406 535

72 261 409 540

80 274 413 543

85 275 415 544

96 279 422 549

100 280 423 548

104 290 429 553

105 292 436 567

107 299 441 568

108 301 443 569

109 308 447 571

120 314 457 573

132 320 458 574

133 326 461 576

147 327 464 581

151 329 471 583

152 331 472 590

154 336 473 594

161 343 479 599

The above DEBITURES will be Paid at the Office of the Under- signed General Agents on and after the 30th June instant.

For the CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED, JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

VICTOR H. DEACON, Notary Public, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1886.

HONGKONG STEAM BAKERY.

NOTICE.

FROM 1st March the Price for FIRST QUALITY HOUSEHOLD BREAD will be Five Cents per Pound.

DORABJEE NAWROOZ.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Under- signed has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 8th June, 1886, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, QUEEN'S ROAD,—

AN ASSORTMENT OF JAPANESE WARE,

comprising:—

For Sale.

MacEwen, Fricke & Co.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE FOR SALE THE FOLLOWING **STORES.**

York HAMS.
Roll BUTTER.
Topoan BUTTER.
French BUTTER.
Err's COCOA.

VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.
Picnic TONGUES.
MACKEREL in 5th Tins.
RAISINS and CURRANTS.
Crystallized FRUITS.

SAVOY & MOORE'S New Infant FOOD.
BARNES & Co.'s JAMS.

Potted MEATS.
PATE DE FOIES GRAS.
Swiss MILK.

BORDEN'S
CONDENSED MILK.

COOKING STOVES.
KEROSENE LAMPS.

WINES, &c.

GILBY'S Sparkling SAUMUR, Pils. & Qls.
SACONNE'S MANZANILLA.
SACONNE'S Old Invalid PORT.

Old Bourbon WHISKY.
BURY'S Old Irish WHISKY.
Royal Glendee WHISKY.

MARSALA.
&c., &c., &c.

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT
of
OILMAN'S STORES,
at the
Lowest Possible Prices
FOR CASH.

MacEwen, Fricke & Co.
Hongkong, February 10, 1886. 280

Notices to Consignees.

STEAMSHIP LAJU.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PENANG
AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Laju*, Captain MANN,
having arrived from the above
Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading
to the Undersigned for countersignature,
and to take immediate delivery of their
Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the
Steamship will be at once landed and stored
at Consignees' risk and expense, and no
Fire Insurance will be effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to
SHANGHAI, unless notice to the contrary be
given before 2 p.m. To-day, the 3rd instant.

All Claims against the Steamship must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before
the 10th instant, or they will not be recognized.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents. 1088

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, PEN-
ANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Victoria*, Captain
COURTNEY, having arrived from the
above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading
to the Undersigned for countersignature,
and to take immediate delivery of their
Goods from alongside.

The Steamship is berthed at the Kowloon
Piers and Cargo impeding her discharge
will be at once landed and stored at Con-
signees' risk and expense, and no Fire
Insurance will be effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to
SHANGHAI, unless notice to the contrary be
given before Noon To-day, the 31st inst.

All Claims against the Undersigned on or
before the 10th June, or they will not be re-
cognized.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents. 1060

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. *Taiyang*, having
arrived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo are hereby informed that their
Goods—with the exception of Salt-
petre—are being landed at their risk
into Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.'s
West Point Godowns, whence delivery may
be obtained.

Salt-petre impeding the discharge will be
at once landed and stored at Consignees'
risk and expense.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
10th instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers. 1090

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. *ROEHAMPTON*, FROM
ANTWERP, BORDEAUX, PENANG,
SINGAPORE AND HAIPHONG.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are requested to
send in their Bills of Lading to the
Undersigned for countersignature, and to
take immediate delivery of their Goods
from alongside the Steamship.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at
once landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense. All Claims against the
Steamship must be sent in immediately.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents. 1083

Hongkong, June 2, 1886.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour—

ADRIE CARVEN, American barque, Capt.
B. C. Pendleton.—Order.
ALAN ROWE, Hawaiian brig, Captain J.
Phillips.—Captain.

ALMA, German barque, Capt. R. Alforts.
—Melchers & Co.

CHARLES DENTON, American ship, Capt.
L. Allen.—Order.

F. H. DREWES, German barque, Capt. A.
H. Rothbart.—Captain.

FERN P. LITCHFIELD, American barque,
Capt. Samul. B. Rott.—Order.

GOAXIMO, British ship, Capt. R. F.
Denham.—Melchers & Co.

HALLGREN, British ship, Captain R. F.
Denton.—Russell & Co.

HENRY S. S. FORD, American ship, Capt.
G. W. Pendleton.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

JOHN M. BLAIRIE, British ship, Capt. D.
F. Faulkner.—Melchers & Co.

LOANDA, British ship, Capt. A. J. Scott.
—Butcherfield & Swire.

MENAGER, British steamer, Capt. Helma.
—Russell & Co.

ROEHAMPTON, British steamer, Capt. R.
Sanderson.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

WANDERING MINSTER, Br. barquentine,
Capt. Haden.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

To-day's Advertisements.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars of SALE of
CROWN LAND by PUBLIC AUCTION,
to be held on the 21st of JUNE, 1886, at 4 p.m., are pub-
lished for general information.

By Command,
FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
Hongkong, 22nd May, 1886. 1110

Particulars of the Letting by Public Auction
Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 21st
of June, 1886, at 4 p.m., by Order
of His Excellency the Officer Adminis-
trating the Government of 2 Lots of
Crown Land, in the Colony of Hong-
kong, for a term of 99 years.

Particulars of the Lots.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Iphigenia*, Captain F. A. HEN-
RIKSEN, having arrived from the above Ports,
Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed
that their Goods are being landed and stored
at their risk into the Godowns of the
Undersigned, whence and from the
Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before
Noon To-day, the 7th instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
13th instant will be subject to rent.
No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left our Godowns.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
SIEMSEN & Co.,
Agents. 1112

Hongkong, June 7, 1886.

To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-
CHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and
Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Serpent, Captain CHAMBERLAIN, will be
despatched as above TO-
MORROW, the 8th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, June 7, 1886. 1111

FOR TAIWANFOO, SHANGHAI AND
NINGPO.

(Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading
for HANKOW.)

The Steamship
Nierstein, Captain VAN FLEDEREN, will be
despatched as above
TO-MORROW, the 8th instant, at Noon,
instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
MELOHRS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, June 7, 1886. 1116

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship
Amoy, Captain R. K. LEE, will
be despatched for the above
Port TO-MORROW, the 8th inst.,
at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, June 7, 1886. 1118

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI.

The Co.'s Steamship
Haitou, Captain WILLIS, will be
despatched for the above
Ports TO-MORROW, the 8th instant, at
3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIE & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, June 7, 1886. 1119

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW.

The Co.'s Steamship
Namoa, Captain ROACH, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 9th inst., at
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LARRAIE & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, June 7, 1886. 1114

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamship
Amoy, Captain MACLEOD, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 9th instant,
at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, June 7, 1886. 1115

STEAM TO BOMBAY VIA STRAITS.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s
Steamship
Khiva, will leave for the above
places on FRIDAY, 11th instant, at 3 p.m.

E. L. WOODIN,
Acting Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, June 7, 1886. 1117

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, SYDNEY AND
MELBOURNE, &c.

The Steamship
Soochow, Captain HARRIS, will be
despatched as above on
SATURDAY, the 19th instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents. 1119

Hongkong, June 7, 1886.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

June 6, 1886.

Belgia, British steamer, 4,212, Walker,
San Francisco May 12, Yokohama June 1,
Mails and General.—P. M. S. Co.

Orion, Austro-Hungarian steamer, 1,833,
P. Mersa, Trieste April 22, and Singapore
May 30, General.—AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN
LOYD S. N. Co.

Wootton, British steamer, 1,100, J. D.
C. Arthur, Newcastle May 8, and Thursday
Island 25, Sugar and Coal.—BUTTERFIELD
& SWIRE.

Serpent, British steamer, 1,601, H. G.
Chimney, Liverpool and Singapore May 31,
General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Iphigenia, German steamer, 1,050, F.
Albrecht, Hamburg April 22, and Singapore
May 31, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

Haitou, British steamer, 277, J. S.
Wyllie, Tamsui June 1, Amoy 4, and Swat-
ow 5, General.—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP Co.

Drachenfels, German str., 1,550, Taro,
Wuhu June 2, Rice.—WILSON & Co.

Tanais, French steamer, 1,140, A. Paul,
Yokohama May 30, and Kobe June 1, Mails
and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Sury Wongai, American steamer, 513, H.
P. Mosen, Bangkok May 31, General.—
CURRIE.

Foekoke, Siamese brig, 300, T. H. Meyer,
Bangkok May 8, General.—CHINESE.

Don Enrique, British ship, 1,344, B.
Cremor, Shanghai May 29, Ballast.—CAR-
LOWITZ & Co.

Keang Lee, Chinese steamer, from Wham-
poa.

Nierstein, German steamer, from Wham-
poa.

Satellite, Britishman-of-war, 1,420, Arthur
H. Alington, Honolulu May 10.

Diamond, British steamer, 514, A. A.
McCallin, Manila June 4, General.—RUS-
SELL & Co.

Waygria, American schooner, 180, Vin-
cent, Keelung June 4, General.—CAPTAIN.

Kut Sang, British steamer, 1,495, W. O.
M. Young, Shanghai June 4, General.—
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Bellorophon, British steamer, 1,394, W.
E. Guthrie, Shanghai June 4, General.—
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Anadyr, French str., 2,477, Delacrolx,
Shanghai June 6, Mails and General.—
MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Gratitude, British steamer, 1,202, N. C.
Wale, Kutchinoku June 2, Coal.—MITSUI
BUSSAN KAISHA.

Rainier, British steamer, 1,196, J.
Rowe, Nagasaki June 1, Coal.—ORDERS.

DEPARTURES.

June 6.

Peking, for Whampoa.

Tohoku, for Yokohama.

Kashgar, for Singapore and Bombay.

Bas, for Bangkok.

Ta Hongkong, for Bangkok.

Alatine, for Haiphong.

Caribbrooke, for Coast Ports.

Frej, for Haiphong.

Sarthe, for Saigon.

Vlad, for Nagasaki.

Lorne, for Singapore.

Fellowsbury, for Nagasaki.

Port Adelaide, for Saigon.

Drachenfels, for Whampoa.

Albany, for Nagasaki.

Singapore, for Singapore and Bombay.

Keang Lee, for Shanghai.

Hepner, for Singapore and Hamburg.

Don Juan, for Amoy and Manila.

CLEARED.

Amoy, for Shanghai.

Amoy, for Bangkok.

Amoy, for Haiphong.

Amoy, for Saigon.

Messrs. Fusch, Bunn, Wiespauer and Far-
ster, and 10 Chinese.

For Haiphong, from Tamsui, &c., 18 Chi-
nese.

For Tamsui, for Hongkong: from Yoko-
hama, Mrs. Okani, Sister and 1 child; from
Kobe, Mr. Late Gonyi, and Mrs. Ogawa.

For Sary Wongai, from Bangkok, 1
French Missionary, and 54 Chinese.

For Fochou, from Bangkok, 2 Chinese.

For Diamante, from Manila, 1 Indian,
and 95 Chinese.

For Kut Sang, from Shanghai, Messrs
Pym, Tulloch and Meyer, and 82 Chinese.

For Bellorophon, from Shanghai, 6 Chi-
nese.

For Anadyr, from Shanghai: for Hong-
kong, Messrs W. Forester, Walker and J.
Foucault, and 6 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Teleskop, for Yokohama: from Hong-
kong, General & Mrs. Cameron, The Misses
Cameron (3) & 2 maids, Lieut. T. O. Somer-
ville, and Major Davis, Dr. P. B. O. Ayres,
(Colonial Surgeon of Hongkong), Mr. and
Mrs. E. E. Dear, Mrs. Wise, and Colonel
Hery; from London, Mr. and Mrs. Von
der Strde, Mrs. Von der Heyde, Mr. and
Mrs. Boyes, Mrs. Thomas, and Mr. Lathrop;
from Venice, Mr. Sheriff; from Sydney,
Messrs O. Prescott and G. H. Norris; from
Singapore, Mr. G. Dare, and Dr. J. H.
McCluskey; for Nagasaki: from Hongkong,
Lieut. A. H. Christie, R.N., Messrs Wm.
Thomas and H. Cuet.

For Caribbrooke, for Coast Ports, Dr.
Wykeham Myers, and Miss Myers, Messrs
A. Johnston, R. J. Hastings, and Mrs.
Swainson, and 300 Chinese.

Per Amoy, for Haiphong, 33 Chinese.

Per Frej, for Haiphong, 20 Chinese.

Per Lorne, for Saigon, 518 Chinese.

Per Singapore, for Singapore, &c., 4 Eu-
ropeans.

Per Kwang Lee, for Shanghai, 3 Euro-
peans.

TO DEPART.

Per Amoy, for Shanghai, 19 Chinese.

Per Mamur, for Fochow, 2 Europeans.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Wootton* reports: Ex-
perienced moderate S.E. winds and fine
weather to Manila, Sulu, which were
cleared on the 20th; thence to Basilan
which were cleared on the 1st inst.,
had moderate and variable winds with
passing showers, had similar weather to
Mindoro Strait, which were cleared on the
3rd inst.; thence to arrival had light variable
winds and fine weather. On the 1st inst.,
spoke *Sea Witch*, of Boston, in Basilan
Strait.

The British steamer *Kut Sang* reports: Left
Shanghai 4 p.m., on the 4th, and ex-
perienced light S.S.W. winds as far as
Nanki; when the wind shifted to W.S.W.
with 12 hours rain; thence light N.E. winds
and fine weather.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:

*For TAIWANFOO, SHANGHAI AND
NINGPO.*

Per Nierstein, at 11.50 a.m., on Tuesday,
the 8th inst.

For AMOY & TAMSUI.

Per Haitou, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday,
the 8th inst.

For SWATOW.

Per Nankai, at 3.30 p.m., on Tuesday,
the 8

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We note from our American exchanges the death in Paris of Mr. Paul B. Forbes, for many years the head of Messrs Russell & Co. in Canton and Hongkong. His funeral took place at the American Chapel, in the presence of a large number of the representatives of the American Colony, on the 3rd May.

We understand that among the vessels which are to join the British squadron on this station shortly is the double screw steel ironclad, almost every respect to the *Cressy*, in most respects. The *Phaeton* is a vessel of 3,750 tons, carries 10 guns, and her engines are of 5,000 horse power. By the end of this year, the British fleet in these waters will be stronger and more effective than it has ever been before.

On the 4th, an old employee of the opium farmer, was charged at the Police Court today, before Mr. Mitchell-Innes, with being in possession of 70 taels of prepared opium without a certificate. The evidence was to the effect that accused left Sam Shui Po in a boat for Wanchai and that, the suspicion of two Excise officers being raised, they chased him in the *Nan Yng* steam launch, which they found at Yau-ma-tei. The steam launch arrived at Wanchai before the boat, and accused on landing was accosted by the officers, who took from him a basket containing 70 taels of opium. Prisoner was found guilty and was fined \$500, with the option of three months' hard labour, the first and last fortnight of which to be coupled with solitary confinement.

The British composite screw corvette *Satellite*, Captain Arthur H. Allington, arrived here this morning from the Pacific to reinforce the squadron on this station, where she will be recommissioned. She left Honolulu on the 10th May. She is a vessel of 1,420 tons, carries 8 guns, and her engines are of 1,400 horse power. She was last commissioned at Sheerness on the 24th April, 1885. According to the latest Navy List, April, 1885, her officers are as follows:—Lieut. Francis G. Jones, Francis C. M. Noel, Henry Saville, William T. V. Hudson, Chaplain and Rev. J. A. Rev. John E. S. Mason, B. A.; Staff Surgeon John Lyon, M. D.; Paymaster Charles Topping; Chief Engineer John Swanson; Sub-Lieut. John F. Lee; Asst. Paym. Graham Hewlett; Gunner George W. Spyr; Boat-swin Richard Quinlan; Carpenter John E. B. Brown; and Midshipmen Charles M. Masters, Frederick D. Gilpin-Brown, and Bertram M. Chambers.

The New York Herald publishes a letter signed 'J. P. Jackson,' in which it is announced that Colonel Gilder, who for a time represented the Herald as its Tongkin correspondent, has been for some time past making preparations in New York for 'the greatest journey of his life,' that of walking to the North Pole. Gilder's present plan (says Mr. Jackson) is to cost only a few thousand dollars. It is to make the approach to the Pole by way of the western coast of Greenland, following the route taken by Lieutenant Greely, late Lady Franklin bay. His point of departure would, however, be King William's Land, where he would get together the natives to accompany him and with whom he would live from year to year, going always further north until a point was reached when the dash might be made on the pole. Gilder's reasons for going first to King William's Land are undoubtedly good ones, namely: To get the assistance of Esquimaux John Tooolah, an Inuit Esquimaux, the son of whom was of incalculable service to him and Schwatka. Tooolah is mentioned in almost every page of Gilder's book on 'Schwatzka's Search.'

An application was made before Acting Chief Justice Russell in the Supreme Court this forenoon by the Acting Attorney General, that the time be limited for the claimants to put in claims against the original owners of the steamer *Comoro*, The Netherlands India Steam Navigation Company. It will be remembered that some time ago a petition for limiting the liability of the Company was granted, and that subsequently the *Comoro* was sold to Messrs Adamson, Bell & Co. The Acting Attorney General desired a minute to the effect that Thursday, the 18th December, 1885, be the day by which notices of all claims against the steamer must be filed; that notice thereof be advertised in certain London, New York, and local papers; and that the plaintiffs be ordered to pay the costs of the defendants in this suit. His Lordship said he thought they were entitled to judgment in this matter, but he wished to consult as to the jurisdiction under which the suit should come, and would adjourn decision meantime.

The following letter from Mrs. Bulkeley-Johnson, in reply to the vote of condolence passed by this Legislative Council on the 17th February last, is published in Saturday's Gazette.

20, QUEEN'S GATE, GARDENS, S.W., 30th April, 1886.

Sir,—I have received from Earl Granville an extract of a despatch written by your Excellency and also a resolution of condolence with myself and my family passed by the Legislative Council of Hongkong.

May I ask you to convey to the Legislative Council the sincere thanks of myself and my family for their vote of condolence and for the very kind and generous expressions of sympathy which have been so graciously sent to me by the Council?

I feel deeply sensible of the very kind and honourable mention of

my late husband in your Excellency's despatch.—I remain, Sir, yours faithfully,
J. S. BULKEY-JOHNSON.
His Excellency the Administrator.

The following table from the Report of the Harbour Master for 1885, shows the total amount of tonnage arriving from ports other than the United Kingdom during the years 1884 and 1885:

Ports.	1884.	1885.	Δ	Per cent.
Australia and New Zealand	98,445	107,347	15,092	15.32
British Colonies	8,884	2,013	6,871	77.34
British North America	884	5,133	4,249	480.54
British West Indies	1,616	102	1,514	93.68
East of Suez	3,857,806	3,400,112	457,694	11.99
China	170,448	230,820	60,372	35.42
Continental Europe	170,448	170,448	0	0
India and Burmah	214,007	170,448	43,559	20.35
Japan	214,007	214,007	0	0
Europe in the Indian Archipelago	25,110	54,082	28,972	115.37
Malta	2,013	1,616	397	19.72
North Atlantic	78,743	70,283	8,460	10.73
Port of Spain	89,001	98,445	9,444	10.61
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Russia in the Indian Archipelago	2,013	2,013	0	0
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United States	91,544	104,119	12,575	13.74
Total	5,000,517	5,071,152	70,635	1.41

The Glen line steamer *Glenora* left Hankow on the 3rd inst., for London, with new season's tea.

The exportation from the Straits Settlements of arms, ammunition, gunpowder and military and naval stores to Netherlands India has been prohibited by proclamation for a period of six months from the 29th ultimo.

The Pacific Mail Company's steamer *City of Peking* left San Francisco for Yokohama on the 22nd ultimo, and may be expected to arrive at her destination about the 15th of next month. This company (says the *Hong Kong*) appears to have a strangely incongruous name. It is engaged in a war with the railways, and can hardly under these circumstances claim to be pacific, and it belies another portion of its title by not carrying any regular mail at present.

Mr. J. H. Duns, His Danish Majesty's Consul at Hakodate, has been winning golden opinions for himself among the Japanese by saving a little girl from drowning in the harbour. The occurrence took place on Thursday, the 20th ultimo. Perceiving the child in the water, Mr. Duns rushed in his clothes and pulled her out. A cold sea-bath is not a joy at this season upon the latitude of Yezo; but our Hakodate adviser states that neither the Consul nor the little girl are any the worse for their unexpected immersion.—*Japan Mail*.

It is a phenomenon (remarks the *Overland Mail*) to find Mr. Bright agreeing with Gladstone in a question of Irish policy, yet the other day, in talking with the deputation of Belfast Liberals, the veteran leader of the Manchester school said that 'if Mr. Gladstone's Bill were passed, there were dark days before Ireland, but if it were passed they would be darker. Mr. Bright, like many others, is shocked at the levity with which it is proposed to tamper with relations which have been maintained for so long a period.

It has been decided to hold the Congress of the Chambers of Commerce, being organized by the London Chamber, at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 6 and 7. This will be the first time that the Congress has been held at the end of April the committee have decided to submit the following seven questions for discussion:—Emigration, postal and telegraphic reform, Imperial federation, codification, and assimilation of the commercial law of the British Empire, State guarantee of war risks, the silver question, and bills of lading reform.

Last Sunday week (says the *N. C. Herald*) the *Meefo* left Shanghai for Hongkong, having on board, in addition to her crew of 2,160 persons. Among these there appear to have been some pirates, for before the vessel reached Chinkiang the Vice-roy's nephew had been robbed. On arrival at Nanking, the *Meefo* anchored, and assistance was obtained from the shore. Then a search was made for the pirates, who were supposed to number 150 persons. The General in command of the soldiers caught a number of the robbers and cut off their heads, and then had their bodies thrown overboard. Some of the robbers, seeing the fate of their confederates, jumped overboard, and were probably drowned. The *Meefo* then proceeded on her voyage, and was at Hankow on the 20th May.

Says the *N. C. Herald* of the 4th inst.:—The Committee of the Sir Harry Parkes Memorial Fund held their second meeting on Tuesday afternoon; it was found that good progress had been made, but some inconvenience had resulted from there being so many lists in circulation. To obviate this for the future, a sub-committee, consisting of Messrs. Hogg, G. J. Morrison, Pardon, and Thorne, was appointed, to whom the task of canvassing the settlement was delegated. These gentlemen have already added very considerably to the amount previously subscribed, and there is no doubt that in the course of a few days a sufficient amount will be subscribed to ensure the erection of a memorial worthy of the late Minister and of the settlement with which he was so closely connected, and in whose well-being he took so much interest.

The *Straits Times* is informed that an amusing incident took place in the Singapore market. Professor Gordon (who is now giving performances in the Town Hall) happened to go to the market, and carrying a snake with some mangoes in a basket for sale, placed his hand on them, and said 'How much?' A native called 'was the reply. How much? I repeated the Professor who understands but little Malay. 'Forty cent whole basket' said the Chinaman. 'What? asked Gordon. 'All these for forty cent? Good, I will take them.' The Professor then put open a mango, and, to the surprise of John, took out a twenty cent piece from the inside of it; he opened another and larger one and took out a dollar. John's eyes became as big as saucers with surprise; Gordon cut another in two and a sovereign dropped into his left hand. The Chinaman called all his neighbours about him and a crowd immediately collected. The Professor asked the vendor what he would now take for the whole lot of his mangoes. John hesitated all up and set in front of them smoking his pipe. He would not sell, 'said the Chinaman. 'The mangoes are very good,' said the Professor, 'and the great danger is that they will be taken away from me. I will give you a sovereign for the whole lot.' John was very much surprised to find nothing but the seed inside.

THE MORNING POST says:—The Indian and Colonial Exhibition which is so shortly to be opened to the public bids fair to eclipse all numerous previous ones, not only in general splendour but in its unique significance. The idea, which is authoritatively asserted to have been in the mind of the Prince of Wales since the year 1878, is in many ways a happy departure from any groovy to which we were wont to be accustomed. When the Exhibition was opened in 1883 it not only served to provide Londoners with a new and congenial place of resort, but it attracted by the importance of the industries with which it dealt, and by the novelty and fascination which, for the landman at least, it presented, the attention of the public. It did not possess the same intrinsic and definite interest, but it was inaugurated just when people had discovered the pleasures of a well-arranged entertainment with plenty of air. Last year's Exhibition was even more dependent on such incidental advantages as the weather, the health of the public, and the state of the land, which should be firmly and wisely exercised.

INQUIRY INTO GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. London, 18th May.—The Premier, replying to a question in the House of Commons, promised to make a statement on Monday next concerning the Select Committee of Enquiry into the Government of India.

THE SIVIER QUESTION. London, 18th May, Noon.—The Chancellor of the Exchequer, in reply to a question in the House of Commons, said that the despatch of Sir Auckland Colvin to the Siver, the Government of India, was a question of preparation and not of action, and that the Government of India had consented to it would be laid on the table.

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LATE INDIAN TELEGRAMS.

The following telegrams are taken from Indian papers:—

THE HOME RULE BILL. London, 18th May.—The debate on the second reading of Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Bill was resumed in the House of Commons last night. The Right Hon. Sir R. A. Cross made a speech in which he said that the Bill offered no prospect of finality or good government. The Right Hon. Mr. James Stansfeld, President of the Government Board, spoke in support of the Bill warmly, and said it would smooth the way for federation and strengthen the Union and the Empire.

MASSACRE OF FRENCHMEN. London, 18th May.—The officials of the French New Hebrides Company on Espiritu Santo Island have been massacred by a party of natives from Port Stanley. The Governor of New Caledonia has despatched a transport with troops to the island to render any assistance that may be required.

WORK OF THE MOROCCANS. London, 18th May.—There are a number of Moroccan missionaries in Switzerland trying to induce the girls to emigrate to Utah, promising them happiness and prosperity. Some that have already been victimized write from Utah bitterly bewailing their fate.

NOTES FROM THE VATICAN. Rome, 18th May.—Notwithstanding the objection of France to the appointment of a papal nuncio at Peking, the Pope insists upon establishing direct relations with China. M. De Freycinet, the French Premier, is negotiating with the Vatican with the object of establishing a *modus vivendi*.

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A MOVEMENT FOR INDEPENDENCE. Halifax, (N.S.) May 7.—Premier Fielding of Nova Scotia introduced a resolution in the Legislature yesterday that Nova Scotia sever their connection with the Dominion of Canada and form a maritime union. If Nova Brunswick and Prince Edward Island will not, then Nova Scotia will appeal alone to sever the connection with the Dominion and to allow her to become an independent colony.

MASSACRE OF FRENCHMEN. London, 18th May.—The officials of the French New Hebrides Company on Espiritu Santo Island have been massacred by a party of natives from Port Stanley. The Governor of New Caledonia has despatched a transport with troops to the island to render any assistance that may be required.

WORK OF THE MOROCCANS. London, 18th May.—There are a number of Moroccan missionaries in Switzerland trying to induce the girls to emigrate to Utah, promising them happiness and prosperity. Some that have already been victimized write from Utah bitterly bewailing their fate.

NOTES FROM THE VATICAN. Rome, 18th May.—Notwithstanding the objection of France to the appointment of a papal nuncio at Peking, the Pope insists upon establishing direct relations with China. M. De Freycinet, the French Premier, is negotiating with the Vatican with the object of establishing a *modus vivendi*.

THE AFGHAN BOUNDARY. London, 18th May.—The Times publishes a telegram stating that the Afghan Boundary Commission have settled the Afghan Boundary to within 20 miles of the river Oxus.

THE GREEK MINISTRY. Athens, 18th May.—The Ministry has resigned. Mr. Trikoupi has been charged with the formation of the new Ministry.

THE IRISH ARMS ACT. London,

NEWS BY THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The British steamer *Woolmer*, Captain J. D. O. Arthur, which arrived here yesterday from Australia, brought on papers containing the following telegrams:—

OPENING OF COLONIAL AND INDIAN EXHIBITION.

London, May 4.—The Colonial and Indian Exhibition was opened today by Her Majesty the Queen. She left Windsor by special train this morning, and together with the Crown Princess of Germany, the Princess Christian and Beatrice, and the Prince Henry and Louis of Battenberg, drove to the Exhibition in six state carriages, the route to the Exhibition was followed by the Household Cavalry and the Grenadier Guards. The parks were filled with hundreds of carriages. The day was beautifully fine, and the streets along the route were filled with immense crowds of people who cheered the royal party most enthusiastically. Her Majesty the Queen was accompanied by the Princess of Wales and several members of her family, drove direct from Marlborough House to the Exhibition Buildings. On arrival at the entrance to the Exhibition, Her Majesty was received by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who introduced her to her Royal and Executive Commissioners in turn.

A procession was then held, including the diplomatic officials, the officers of State, and the Commissioners of the Exhibition and many officers, the whole forming a gorgeous spectacle.

The royal party was conducted through the Colonial Exhibition Hall, which is beautifully decorated, and contains all around the walls pictures of the great cities of the British Empire, commencing with magnificent panoramas of the mother-city of them all—Modern London. Melbourne, Adelaide, and Sydney have each been allotted two panels. One view of Melbourne shows the infant settlements of Batman and Fawkner from the Fall Bridge in 1839. The second shows Melbourne in 1886, the view having been taken from the dome of the Melbourne International Exhibition, looking seaward. The two are placed in juxtaposition, and afford a graphic illustration of the marvelous growth and development of the Victorian capital. Sydney Harbour is skilfully treated, one view, evidently taken from the North Shore, being particularly beautiful. Adelaide is represented by a panoramic view, taken from Mount Lofty, the second one being an animated representation of King William-street. The capitals of Queensland, Western Australia, and New Zealand are also represented in the Colonial Exhibition Hall.

The procession, having traversed the Indian section, turned northwards through the Colonial sections across the grounds to the Albert Hall, passing the New South Wales and Victorian Courts. On the right and left of the Victorian Court were gilt arches, in which were statues of the monarchs of the British Empire, and the Prince of Wales, and the Prince of Wales Court, which is very elaborate, attracted the royal attention. The route to the Albert Hall was densely lined with spectators, among whom there was a large number of colonialists, and Her Majesty was received with cheers throughout the Exhibition.

The opening ceremony was performed in the Albert Hall in the presence of over 10,000 persons, all of whom held special invitations. The throne was hung with crimson velvet, and a crimson velvet curtain was suspended overhead, and carpets of cloth of gold were laid in front of the throne, where the royal party and the members of the brilliant procession were grouped.

The opening prayer was said by His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, after which Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" was sung by a choir of 1000 voices.

The ode specially written for the opening of the Exhibition by the Poet Laureate, Mr. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, was read by Mademoiselle Albani, supported by a select choir conducted by Sir Arthur Sullivan. Mademoiselle Albani then sang "Home, Sweet Home." The interior of the Albert Hall at this juncture presented a most picturesque and effective scene.

Her Majesty and the Royal Party left the Albert Hall while the choir sang the "Hallelujah Chorus," and returned to Buckingham Palace amid the cheers of the populace.

During her visit, Her Majesty expressed surprise and delight at the magnitude of the Exhibition. The excellence and variety of the Australasian exhibits afforded her much gratification.

During the day the Exhibition was attended by about 80,000 persons.

THE INTERIOR OF THE EXHIBITION. The huge space, which marks the commencement of the Grand Central Avenue of the Indian section, was greatly admired. The magnificent display of jewellery and carvings in stone and wood was inspected, and after a brief visit to the Egyptian and Assyrian Courts the Australian section was next visited. These courts were all found in excellent order, and considerable praise was manifested at the creditable display of products and manufactures made by each of the colonies. The grand display of paintings in the Victorian court appeared to take everybody by surprise, few among the visitors having had any conception that such a wide range had been made of the antiques in art matters. The golden trophy and fernery, the educational exhibits, as well as the timber and mining collections, all excited great interest. Ballast and Sandhurst, as the two great centres of the gold mining industry, occupy places of honour on the walls of the gold mine section, which is of novel and effective design. Handsome views of those inland cities are painted on the walls, and in other parts of the court they are also conspicuous. The splendid working model of the Band of Hope and the Royal Consols Battery was shown to the royal visitors, who expressed themselves much interested and pleased. The New South Wales court, which occupies part of the same annex, was the centre of attraction for a large number of those present. The court is well and tastefully arranged, a charming effect having been obtained by the introduction of a large aviary, full of living birds, which opens the direction of the entrance, while fern groves and fountains have also been constructed. The exhibits from New South Wales are very numerous, a splendid suite of furniture and a billiard table comparing favourably with anything of the kind in the Exhibition, although in this respect Victoria is particularly strong. A handsome conservatory is also one of the features of the court. The mining and timber collections are well arranged, and the wool, as might be anticipated, occupies a very prominent place. Queensland and Western Australia were visited, and also the South Australian court, which, under the direction of Mr. Samuel Davenport, is one of the best arranged in the whole Exhibition. The black flocks' camp and stockman's hut, with plenty of pretty effects in the way of tricking waterfalls and rockeries, occupy a considerable amount of space, and it is evident that the court will be as popular as was that of the same colony in Melbourne in 1880. Some

splendid gold specimens and other exhibits from the Northern Territory are shown, while the display of manufactured articles is remarkably good. New Zealand has also a splendidly arranged court, and a general opinion was expressed that Australasia has taken a position of which every member of the group may feel proud. Even Fiji is creditably represented, the only member of the family absent from the gathering being Tasmania, a circumstance which is very generally regretted. The ferneries of New Zealand, Victoria, and New South Wales were universally admired, that of New Zealand being the largest and most elaborate.

The colonial ferneries which lighted with electricity were greatly admired and visited by thousands. The colonial dining-rooms are thronged, and the arrangements are excellent. The Australian wine, hard, too, are much frequented, and very favorable opinions are expressed of Australian wines.

THE NEW HERBES QUESTION.

London, April 29.—It is understood that an agreement is about to be concluded between Great Britain and France with regard to the possession of the New Hebrides.

London, May 6.—Sir Andrew Clarke, Acting Agent-General for Victoria, has drawn up a powerful dispatch to the Colonial Office, in which he combats the views advocated by Mr. John Bramston, D.C.L., one of the Assistant Under-Secretaries for the Colonies, in favour of a compromise with France upon the New Hebrides question.

ENGLISH CRICKET TEAM FOR AUSTRALIA.

London, April 29.—A team of English cricketers has been nominated to proceed to Australia next season for the purpose of playing a series of matches through the colonies. The following have been selected as members of the team:—Shaw, Shrewsbury, Lillywhite, Barnes, Briggs, Gunn, Flowers, Bates (professionals), and Lee, Preston, and Lumsden, who are prominent amateur cricketers. They will sail for Australia in September next. Mr. W. G. Grace has been invited to join the team.

SHIPMENT OF TEA TO LONDON.

London, April 29.—Samples of tea grown in Fiji, which were shipped to London, have been tested and approved by experts.

MARRIAGE OF THE DAUGHTER OF SIR DANIEL COOPER.

London, April 30.—Miss Mary Cooper, third daughter of Sir Daniel Cooper, Bart., K.C.M.G., was married yesterday to Mr. W. F. Burrell, British Consul at Port Said.

THE GOVERNMENT OF FIJI.

London, April 30.—Sir Charles Mitchell, late member of the Legislative Council of Fiji, who, it is understood, will probably succeed Sir William De Vere as Governor of that colony, will not take his departure for Fiji for some time yet.

LAUNCH OF A STEAMER FOR THE FIJI TRADE.

London, April 30.—A new steamer has been successfully launched at Jarro on the Tyne, which is intended to be employed in the fruit trade between Sydney and Fiji. The steamer has been called the *Fiji*.

NORTH BRITISH AND NEW ZEALAND INVESTMENT COMPANY.

London, April 30.—The first issue of shares in the North British and New Zealand Investment Company, has been fixed at £100,000. £80,000 of the capital has already been subscribed.

THE 'STANDARD' OF THE FINANCIAL POLICY OF NEW ZEALAND.

London, May 1.—The *Standard* denounces the financial policy of Sir Julius Vogel, Treasurer of New Zealand, and urges the Government to discontinue lending money to the Government of that colony, on the ground that it would be unsafe to do so.

REQUEST TO COLONISTS AT MANCHESTER.

London, May 1.—The Mayor of Manchester intends to entertain 200 colonists at a grand banquet.

MR. CARL BOYD, THE EXPLORER.

London, May 3.—Mr. Carl Boyd, the Australian explorer, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

AGITATION FOR AUTONOMY IN INDIA.

London, May 3.—A league has been organized in Calcutta with the object of agitating the granting of autonomy to India, similar to that enjoyed by the Australasian colonies.

ACCIDENT TO THE GOVERNOR OF NEW ZEALAND.

Auckland, May 3.—His Excellency Sir William Jervois had a narrow escape from drowning this evening. While going on board the Government steamer at Manakau, His Excellency missed his footing, and fell into the water. He was rescued by one of the officers of the steamer.

THE DIKE CASE.

London, May 4.—Sir Charles Dilke has held a crowded meeting of his supporters at Chelsea. He declared that he is prepared to deny upon oath the allegations made against him in the Crawford-Dilke divorce case. He also stated that he was willing to pay the costs arising out of any action that may be taken by the Queen's Proctor in connection with the case.

AN AUSTRALIAN SCHOLAR.

London, May 4.—Mr. H. Murray, son of the late Sir Thomas Murray, formerly Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales, has gained the Ormsby prize and the Gaisford prize at Oxford for Latin and Greek verse.

FRENCH GOVERNORSHIPS.

London, May 5.—Mr. Lacaze has been appointed by the French Government as Governor of Tahiti. M. Le Boucher, Governor of New Caledonia, has been removed to the Governorship of the Island of Guadeloupe, in the West Indies.

RECOGNITION OF BRAVERY.

London, May 5.—C. C. Sydney, Sydney soldier, recently exhibited bravery in rescuing a lad from drowning in the Thames, will probably receive the medal of the Royal Humane Society.

THE AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN.

London, May 6.—J. Pope, of Sydney, who is at present a student in Edinburgh, has been appointed an emergency man in the Australian Cricket Eleven.

RENEWED OUTBREAK OF CHOLERA IN ITALY.

Rome, May 6.—Cholera has broken out in the towns of Venice and Vicenza, where already several cases have been reported.

THE RANK RATE OF DISCOUNT.

London, May 6.—The directors of the Bank of England to-day raised the bank rate of discount to 3 per cent.

THE PROPOSED PACIFIC CABLE.

London, May 6.—A definite offer has been made to the British Government for the construction of a telegraph cable across the Pacific from Canada to Australia, via Honolulu and New Caledonia, on condition that the British Government will contribute a subsidy of 4 per cent. on the cost of construction. The rates for telegraph messages between England and Vancouver's Island will be 8d. a word.

JORDON CHARTERED BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

London, May 6.—In addition to the payment of a dividend at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum for the past half-year, the London Chartered Bank of Australia has declared a dividend of 20s. 6d. per share, and places £200,000 to the reserve fund.

MATTHEW V. GODWIN. London, May 7.—No. Matthew, the New South Wales sculler, has declined to ratify the conditions stipulated by Godwin, an English sculler, in the match which was proposed to be rowed on the Thames. The race has consequently been indefinitely postponed.

BRITISH AND GERMAN INTERESTS IN THE PACIFIC.

Berlin, May 3.—An important convention has been signed here by Sir Edward B. Malet, the British Ambassador, and Prince Bismarck, the German Chancellor, delimiting the present and future spheres of action in the Western Pacific. The dividing line commences at Mitre Rock, and passes thence through the Solomon Islands, leaving to Germany Bougainville, Choiseul, and Isabel Islands, of that group. From this line is drawn north-eastwards to the Marshall Islands, north of the Equator, and thence in a straight line to the Pacific in the Western Pacific is mutually forbidden, freedom of trade being equally guaranteed to the subjects of both countries.

The Convention further stipulates that Samoa and Tonga shall remain neutral.

London, May 4.—Under the Convention signed on behalf of Great Britain and Germany, delimiting the present and future spheres of action in the Western Pacific, each Power has agreed to surrender the acquisitions of territory or protectorates already made within the other's sphere.

The disputed land claims will be decided by a mixed commission. Settlers are to enjoy equal rights in regard to property, education, and religion.

Melbourne, May 6.—The Premier to-day received a cablegram from the Acting Agent-General, Sir Andrew Clarke, giving information with regard to the Anglo-German Convention, which was published as a Parliamentary paper on Wednesday. The first part defines the German and English spheres of influence. The line of the former passes from the north of New Guinea to Freesville Island, thence to the south of the Solomon Islands, and strikes north-east to Keat's Bank, leaving the Gilbert Islands within the British sphere. The last clause of the Convention provides that the possessions and protectorates will not include colonies having constituted legislatures.

The Acting Agent-General has stated that the Convention is intended to preserve freedom of action of the colonies, but he proposes to request an explanation from the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

EIGHT-HOURS AGITATION IN AMERICA.

London, May 1.—The agitation which lately was commenced in the United States for the adoption of the eight-hour system has now become general.

THE SOCIALIST RIOTS IN AMERICA.

Chicago, May 6.—The Socialist riots have now extended to the town of Milwaukee, in the State of Wisconsin, where the disturbances were of serious nature, the militia were called out, and the troops fired on the rioters, and killed and wounded many of them.

London, May 6.—Later intelligence from Chicago with regard to the Socialist riots in that city states that 12 persons have been killed in the encounters between the police and the rioters, while 100 of the Socialists were disabled.

London, May 6.—The police authorities of Chicago have discovered a plot to burn down that city. A quantity of dynamite and arms have also been found in Chicago.

New York, May 6.—In consequence of the recent fall rioting in connection with the labour strikes, most rigorous measures are being taken by the Government against Socialist agitators, to whose action the disturbances are attributed.

The whole staff of a German Socialist newspaper in Chicago has been arrested, and will be charged with murder.

THE FEDERAL OCEAN MAIL SERVICE. London, April 30.—It is understood that there is great diversity in the amounts of the tenders sent in for the Federal Ocean Mail Service which has been arranged by Mr. E. C. Baker, of South Australia. It is generally believed that the foreign steamship companies who have tendered for the service will not succeed in obtaining the contract.

London, May 3.—The delay which has taken place in connection with the Indian contract will complicate matters in connection with the final settlement of the federal ocean mail service arranged by Mr. E. C. Baker, of South Australia. Sir Arthur Baker, Agent-General for South Australia, will continue to carry on negotiations with the Indian Government upon the subject after the departure of Mr. Baker, who leaves for Australia on the 6th inst.

THE IRISH QUESTION.

London, May 2.—Sir Charles Gavan Duffy has contributed an article to the *Contemporary Review*, in which he argues that colonial Rhodesia is justified in Irish proposals.

The Marquis of Hartington and the Right Hon. G. J. Goschen have held a successful meeting at Edinburgh.

May 3.—Mr. Gladstone's manifesto is considered here to be the result of the crisis made against his Irish proposals by Lord Hartington and Mr. Goschen. In it he virtually abandons his purpose of conceding the principle of Home Rule to Scotland and Wales, but seems inclined to persevere in his purpose of permitting Irish members to sit in the Imperial Parliament at Westminster.

London, May 3.—The Earl of Rosebery, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, maintains that Mr. Gladstone's Irish policy will absolutely promote the establishment of Imperial federation. Lord Selborne contends that it will result in the repeal of the Union.

May 4.—The Times regards the manifesto issued by Gladstone to his supporters in Rhodesia as a demagogic appeal to class prejudices.

London, May 6.—Mr. Joseph Chamberlain expressed his willingness to support the second reading of the bill embodying Mr. Gladstone's Irish scheme on condition that the Government consent to retain the Irish members in the House of Commons.

The leaders of the Whig party have entered upon an active crusade against Mr. Gladstone's Irish proposals.

The Marquis of Normandy has changed Mr. Gladstone with abandoning the Loyalists in a cowardly manner.

The National Union League has expressed its approval of Mr. Gladstone's scheme.

Melbourne, May 6.—A cable message to the following effect was received here to-day:—At a conference of the National Liberal Association held in London, six hundred delegates were present. They rejected a proposal to support Mr. Gladstone's Irish bill, and passed by a majority of 575 a resolution expressing the fullest confidence in Mr. Gladstone. Some importance is attached to this, as the association was originally organized by Chamberlain.

London, May 6.—The National Liberal Federation has approved of Mr. Gladstone's Irish Home Rule Bill, and Mr. Chamberlain offers to support the second reading of the Irish members are allowed to retain their seats in the Imperial Parliament.

London, May 8.—The British Cabinet have decided to leave the retention of Irish members in the House of Commons, which forms a prominent feature in Mr. Gladstone's Irish Bill, an open question, in order to induce Mr. Chamberlain to support

the second reading of the Bill. It is probable that he will require a specific pledge before altering his decision.

London, May 10.—It is expected that Mr. Gladstone will reduce the numbers in the proposed new Irish Parliament to forty-five.

London, May 11.—It is believed that Mr. Chamberlain is still discontented with Mr. Gladstone's Irish concessions, and will vote in opposition to his Irish proposals, the rejection of which is generally expected.

London, May 12.—It is rumored that 113 liberal members of Parliament will vote against the second reading of Mr. Gladstone's bill granting Home Rule to Ireland.

London, May 13.—Mr. Chamberlain, speaking at a recent meeting, declared that at least sixty Liberals, on whose support the Government counted, would desert the Government on the Irish Home Rule Bill was taken.

The *Daily News* urges the Premier to push the second reading of the Bill, making a promise to the House that it will be brought up in a new shape at the October session.

May 8.—It is rumored that Baron Wolsey, Lord Bercford, and other officers will resign their commissions in order to assist the Orangemen of Ulster forcibly to oppose Home Rule for Ireland.

London, May 9.—Neither Lord Wolsey nor Bercford have as yet decided to resign their commissions, but it is believed that in the event of the Irish Home Rule Bill passing the second reading they will resign their respective commissions and lead the men of Ulster in their opposition to the Irish Nationalists of the South. Numbers of the Irish Nationalists are already enrolling themselves under the Irish Defence Union, an association originally formed by the loyal Irish of the North of Ireland to combat the Land League.

London, 11th May.—In view of the threatened outbreak of hostilities in the north of Ireland in the event of the passage of the Irish Home Rule Bill, the English Government are about to take measures for disarming all the inhabitants of Ulster.

London, 14th May.—Lord Wolsey has issued a guarded denial of the report that he intends leading the army to be raised in Ulster in the event of Home Rule becoming law.

Ontario, 6th May.—In the Canadian House of Commons the subject of Home Rule for Ireland is being discussed.

London, 9th May.—The Canadian Parliament has practically ignored the Home Rule question, and has only adopted a courteous resolution on the subject.

AUSTRALIAN FRUIT IN LONDON. London, May 6.—Australasian fruit has been sold at the Army and Navy Co-operative Stores at three-pence each.

London, May 3.—The Australian fruit has met with a ready sale. 150 cases of Victorian fruit were disposed of. Apples realized 6d. per lb., and pears 3d. each. The grapes, which were at first believed to have been deteriorated in their market value, by reason of imperfect packing, have now proved salable. The South Australian fruit made a fine display at the Colonial and Indian Exhibition.

London, May 6.—In consequence of the success which has attended the shipment of Australian fruit to England from colonies, there is a great demand for colonial apples and pears.

DUTY ON VICTORIAN WINES IN ENGLAND.

London, May 6.—The Customs authorities claim £200 as duty upon Victorian wines of 4 degrees above the standard alcoholic strength, imported into England for the Colonial and Indian Exhibition.

THE NEW HERBES QUESTION. London, May 9.—An impression prevails here that France will not accept the second reading of the bill between Dr. Krugel, representing Germany, and the Hon. J. B. Thurston, representing England, and in consideration of France recognizing the claims of English and German settlers in the New Hebrides, she will be allowed to annex that group.

London, May 10.—The dispatch addressed by Sir Andrew Clarke to Lord Granville has caused a deep impression.

London, May 11.—Lord Granville, Secretary of State for the Colonies, is seeking to maintain the new Hebrides question in statu quo until the objections made by the Australasian colonies to the annexation of the island can be removed in a modified form, may afford a basis on which to negotiate the question to the satisfaction of the colonies as far as possible.

London, May 12.—It is believed that Lord Rosebery has notified the French Government that it will be impossible for England to entertain the cession of the New Hebrides to France.

London, May 12, 6.37 p.m.—The rumour with reference to Lord Rosebery's action towards France proves to be unfounded.

London, May 13.—Mr. Gladstone has been deeply impressed with the course adopted by the Federal Council of Australia with regard to the New Hebrides, and will probably be guided, to a great extent, by its advice.

London, May 16.—It is stated officially that England will not allow France to occupy the New Hebrides.

FLOODS IN THE MIDLAND COUNTIES. London, May 16.—Owing to the late heavy rains, vast floods have occurred throughout the Midland counties of England, and large tracts of country are under water.

ANNEXATION. London, May 17.—It is stated that the British Government intend to annex the Kermadec Island, situated about 160 miles north-east of New Zealand.

THE AFGHAN FRONTIER. London, May 11.—The work of delimiting the frontier of Afghanistan, commenced by Sir Peter Lumsden and temporarily discontinued, is now being resumed by the respective commissioners of England and Russia.

NEW CABLE TO AUSTRALIA. London, May 10.—Qualified offers have been received for the transmission of cable messages at 8d. per word between England and Vancouver's Island in accordance with Sir John McDonald's scheme, and it is also proposed to lay a cable across the Pacific between Canada and Australia, via Honolulu and New Caledonia, provided that a subsidy of 4 per cent. on the cost of construction is guaranteed.

A CONSULAR NOTABLE. Sydney, May 14.—The Consuls of France and America refused to attend the annual Consular dinner, on the ground that the other Consuls are but tradesmen. The Consuls are highly indignant, and feeling runs high in the city on the subject.

Exchange. Hongkong, June 7.

Bank, Wire, ... 3/2
Demand, ... 3/2
30 days sight, ... 3/2
4 months sight, ... 3/2
Credit, ... 3/2
Documentary 4 months sight, ... 3/2
India, Wire, ... 2/2
Demand, ... 2/2
Shanghai, demand, ... 1/1
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Gold Loan 30 days, ... 43/25
Sovereigns, ... 46/14

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

AT 4 P.M.—JUNE 4.

Station.	Barometer at sea level (inches).	Thermometer (Fahrenheit).	Wind.	Force.	Weather.	Rain (inches) previous 24 hours.
Manila	29.80	85.30	SW	3	o	—
Haiphong	29.68	87.81	S	1	o	—
Hongkong	29.71	77.94	S	1	o	—
Amoy	29.79	74.86	NE	2	o	—
Swatow	29.80	71.71	NE	1	o	—
Shanghai	29.83	67.94	W	1	o	—
Nagasaki	29.93	67.94	W	1	o	—
Yokohama	29.93	67.94	W	1	o	—
Wakatsuki	29.67	66	—	—	—	—

AT 10 A.M.—JUNE 5.

Manila	29.87	87.71	SSW	1	o	—
Haiphong	29.80	80.77	NW	1	o	1.18
Hongkong	29.86	70.99	NE	2	cd	0.60
Amoy	29.86	70.99	NE	2	cd	0.60
Swatow	29.86	70.99	NE	2	cd	0.60
Shanghai	29.86	67.94	W	1	o	—
Nagasaki	29.93	67.94	W	1	o	—
Yokohama	29.93	67.94	W	1	o	—
Wakatsuki	29.64	68.85	—	—	—	—

The barometer is rising but gradients are moderate for S.W. winds. The temperature is moderate, the humidity has decreased and the weather is cloudy.

W. DORRICK, Government Astronomer. Hongkong Observatory, June 5.

1. BAROMETRIC, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.

2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.

3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the quantity of air saturated with moisture being 100.

4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points.

5. FORCE OF WIND, according to Beaufort's Scale.

6. STATE OF WEATHER, by blue sky, a drizzle, clouds, a drizzling rain, fog, gloomy, hazy, lightning, overcast, passing showers, squally, rain, snow, thunder, visibility, &c. (in feet).

7. RAIN, in inches tenths and hundredths.

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